



# Delaware

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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MAY 31, 2005

### BELOW NORMAL TEMPERATURES SLOW PROGRESS

Farmers report that it was too wet to cut and harvest hay. Heat units and sun are needed for crops to grow. Corn germination is good but warm temperatures are needed to green it up and get it growing. There were **4.5 days suitable for field work**.

**Small grains** are in mostly good to excellent condition. **Barley** condition is rated 1 percent poor, 9 percent fair, 68 percent good and 22 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** is rated 1 percent poor, 8 percent fair, 64 percent good, and 27 percent excellent.

**Pastures** are in generally good condition with 21 percent fair, 62 percent good and 17 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** are 8 percent short, 85 percent adequate and 7 percent excellent.

### DELAWARE’S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 29, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
<b>Small Grain Development:</b>				
Barley Turned	26	1	66	50
Wheat Turned	11	1	18	10
<b>Planting Progress:</b>				
Cantaloups	90	81	76	60
Cucumbers	40	33	35	27
Lima Beans (Processed)	31	27	22	27
Snap Beans	48	24	61	60
Sorghum	57	37	44	30
Soybeans	47	24	41	26
Sweet Corn	61	50	55	62
Tomatoes	80	72	78	61
Watermelons	88	84	81	60
<b>Fruit Crops Blooming:</b>				
Strawberries	98	97	100	99
<b>Field Corn:</b>				
Planted	98	92	96	94
Emerged	84	68	93	83

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 29, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	1	90	9
Topsoil (2004)	1	27	59	13
Five Year Average	1	10	67	22
Subsoil Moisture	-	5	90	5
Subsoil (2004)	-	5	91	4
Five Year Average	3	13	76	8

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 29, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.44	16.99	0.89	80	49	60	-7
Easton	0.31	22.28	4.22	83	50	62	-7
Frederick	0.98	15.43	-0.05	81	48	61	-3
Frostburg	1.28	18.01	-0.95	71	43	55	-6
Hagerstown	0.64	12.21	-3.03	79	49	60	-7
Mechanicsville	1.05	18.93	0.87	79	48	59	-8
Patuxent River	1.16	17.24	1.00	83	51	62	-6
Ocean City	0.30	18.29	0.08	83	47	58	-9
Salisbury	0.55	19.26	1.40	81	43	59	-9
Sharpsburg	1.22	15.02	-0.46	80	44	59	-5
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.47	18.33	3.60	82	51	64	-7
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.39	19.12	1.78	81	48	60	-8
Georgetown	0.31	17.58	-0.08	82	46	59	-7
Wilmington	0.47	17.21	0.85	81	48	59	-7

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.